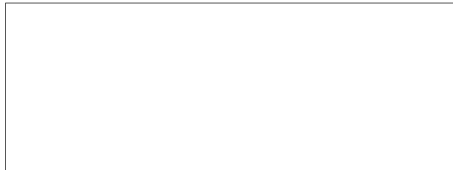


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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Rom 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 1:30 pm, 24 August 1961

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State	Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI
Mr. H. C. Brown, OSD	Col. J. M. Winterbottom, AFCIN
Col. J. L. Cole, JCS	 NSA
Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI	Mr. W. A. Tidwell, CIA

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI
* Mr. E. C. Nielsen, ONI
Lt. Col. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN
Maj. H. C. Howard, SAFMS
* Capt. C. J. Houlihan, AFCIN

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Approval of Minutes

1. COMOR minutes 39, 40, 41, and 42 (4, 8, 15, and 19 August) were approved subject to the revision of paragraph 3 of COMOR-M-41 to read as follows; the rest of the paragraph being excised:

In the reference memorandum Navy recommended that the COMOR continue to press for approval of vertical coverage of Hainan Island.

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Air Force Briefing

2. Colonel Winterbottom, AFCIN, requested Major H. C. Howard to present a briefing on an upcoming Air Force intelligence collection project.

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Need for Intelligence on ChiCom Activities Opposite Taiwan (Reference:

[redacted] 22 August 1961, draft submitted by the Chairman)

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5. Final consideration of the subject reference was postponed pending the members investigating more fully the views of their respective agencies on the current trend of alert activities in the areas on the China mainland opposite Taiwan.

Review of Procedure for Release of TALENT-KEYHOLE SSM Sites [redacted]

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6. The Chairman called attention to the "Tabulation of SSM and SAM Sites Released to Sino-Soviet Bloc [redacted] COMOR-D-46, 22 August 1961) prepared by [redacted] at the Chairman's request.

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The Chairman queried whether the experience in handling this question as it is summarized in the tabulation required the amendment of **standing** procedure in order to provide adequate security. To this end he submitted for their consideration a draft of "Proposed Procedural Amendments for

22 August 1961, COMOR-D-46).

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7. After reviewing the matter, the COMOR agreed that an improvement in security could and should be made as follows:

As soon as feasible the Air Force, as the executive agent for the Department of Defense in the updating of [] will issue a communication to the recipients of such updating stating that the Air Force in cooperation with other interested agencies is engaged in a continuing review of data for inclusion in the [] looking toward the maximum refinement possible of data which bear upon the most current items in the [] and noting that the recipients can expect from time to time to receive amendments which are the result of the refinement.

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TALENT. Coverage of Laos

8. The Army representative, Colonel Davis, emphasized against the need of the Army for photographic coverage of transportation routes and centers of military activity in Laos, which had been proposed prior to Mission 3055. These targets, while third priority in terms of the total needs in the area (which included oblique photography of the South China border), were still highly important. The Army reported that it had investigated whether there was available from other sources photography which would meet these needs and found the answer to be negative. Colonel Davis indicated that the Army would as soon as possible carefully examine the photography acquired from Mission 3055 and, on the basis of that examination as well as other factors, submit a memorandum requesting earliest possible photo coverage of the targets of Laos in question.

James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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